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Application No. : 10/024,182

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For : VIRTUAL TANDEM SWITCH

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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
Expedited Procedure Requested
Examining Group. 2666
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Group Art Unit: 2666

Examiner: K. C. Harper

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 29, 2005, in which a three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 28, 2006, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Reply.